

'BRUJO', MEXIKOMA AND STREET SAILING HAVE BREEDERS' CUP BERTHS ALL THREE ASSURED OF SPOTS IN THEIR RACES ON NOVEMBER 1 AND 2 ALAN GARCIA WILL RIDE TRIO FOR TVI'S PRIVATE TRAINER RICK METTEE



Team Valor International will equal its biggest brigade for the Breeders' Cup World Championships when Brujo de Olleros, Mexikoma and Street Sailing represent the stable on November 1 and 2 at Santa Anita Park.

Barry Irwin's racing partnerships previously had 3 Breeders' Cup starters in both 2007 and 2011 and pulled off victories in the 1989 Turf with Prized and 2010 Juvenile Turf

with Pluck. There are no horses on the roster this time bearing short names beginning with the letter "P," but all 3 are in the main body of their races in pre-entry fields announced this morning. They will be shipped to Southern California on Saturday, 2 days prior to final entries and the post-position draw for all 14 Breeders' Cup races.

Past performances for all pre-entry fields are available [here](#).

Brujo de Olleros is the fourth choice at 6 to 1 on the Dirt Mile line from *Daily Racing Form* national handicapper Mike Watchmaker, who described the "Wizard" as follows: "Uruguayan star needed one year to acclimate North America, improving sort gave Graydar a tussle in last."

Graydar, after holding off Brujo by three-quarters of a length in the Kelso Handicap, is the 5 to 2 chalk on Watchmaker's forecast, but he was cross-entered with a first preference in the Breeders' Cup Classic. The [Dirt Mile](#) is part of the Friday card on November 1, set for 6:05 p.m. Eastern.

Mexikoma and Street Sailing both will race in the Team Valor colors and for trainer Rick Mettee for the first time. The connections kept the Juvenile on the radar for Mexikoma after acquiring him last month but preferred a more conservative route until Tuesday, when he turned in a strong workout on the dirt at Fair Hill.

Steve Haskin, the Triple Crown beat writer for the *Blood-Horse*, jokingly complained about buzz the colt has generated on Twitter.



Mexikoma will make his first start for Team Valor in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.



“This WAS the best-kept secret in the Juvenile,” he wrote. “Not anymore. Gorgeous mover.”

Watchmaker lists Mexikoma at 20 to 1 for the 1 1/16-mile [Juvenile](#), which was last won by a horse coming off a maiden triumph in 2003 at Santa Anita (Action This Day). The 5 to 2 favorite, Havana, exits a victory in Belmont Park’s Grade 1 Champagne, which has produced 3 of the last 6 Juvenile winners. Post time for Saturday’s Juvenile is 5:45 p.m. Eastern.

Street Sailing officially is first on the also-eligible list for the [Juvenile Fillies Turf](#), but the Breeders’ Cup informed Team Valor this morning that a filly in front of her has

already defected. Street Sailing is 30 to 1 on Watchmaker’s line. The one-mile Juvenile Fillies Turf follows immediately after the Dirt Mile on Friday’s card, scheduled for 6:50 p.m. Eastern. Vorda, a Group 1 winner in England and Group 1 runner-up in France, is the likely favorite.

Street Sailing (Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf) also is a Team Valor newcomer.

Street Sailing has remained with her original trainer, Bill Helmbrecht, in Kentucky since Team Valor did not want to ship her to Fair Hill before sending her on to California.

Brujo de Olleros and Mexikoma’s flight leaves from Baltimore on Saturday and will pick up Street Sailing in Louisville on the way West. Jockey Alan Garcia has the return call on Brujo de Olleros and picks up the mounts on Mexikoma and Street Sailing.

All three races will be shown live on NBC Sports Network. Only the Breeders’ Cup Classic will air on regular NBC.



Team Valor partners celebrated a Breeders’ Cup triumph under the Twin Spires at Churchill Downs with Pluck, a home-bred.